Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 – 15 (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended) A method of versioning server configuration files, said method comprising steps of:

associating a server configuration with an application;

storing multiple versions of both application and server configuration data required to run on a plurality of servers;

selecting a single version of said application and the server configuration data;

within a package comprising an application, associating a version of a server configuration file with said application, said version configuring a plurality of servers to process said application, and

transferring the same server configuration data to each of the plurality of servers so that each server can execute the application ~~solely~~ on the server.

17. (Previously presented) The method of claim 16 further comprising a step of providing said associating with embedding association data within said version of said server configuration file linking said version of said server configuration file with said application.

18. (Previously presented) The method of claim 16 further comprising a step of providing said associating with embedding association data with said application linking said application with at

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least one of said plurality of versions of said server configuration file.

19. (Previously presented) The method of claim 17 further comprising a step of providing said package further with said version of said server configuration file.

20 – 25. (Canceled)

26. (New) A method of concurrently updating application and server configuration data, said method comprising:

provideing to a server configuration versioning tool for storing in a data repository comprising multiple versions of both the application and the server configuration data required to run on a plurality of servers:

at least one server configuration file comprising server configuration data and application association data comprising a list of all applications installed on the server as well as versions of the server to which the applications are associated; wherein the providing step is responsive to creation or modification of a server configuration file;

receiving a request to select one or more server configuration files stored within the data repository, the request comprising data associated with an application which is to be transferred to at least one server on at least one platform;

retrieving a latest version of the at least one server configuration file associated with the application to be transferred;

bundling the application and the latest version of the at least one server configuration file into a single package comprising data to configure the at least one server for running said application on the at least one platform;

transferring to the at least one server the single package; and

configuring the at least one server with the server configuration data from the latest version of the server configuration file.

27. (New) The method of claim 26 further comprising providing server configuration metadata for storing in the data repository, the metadata comprising a linkage between the at least one server configuration file and corresponding application data.

28. (New) The method of claim 27 wherein the server configuration metadata is provided in the server configuration file.

29. (New) The method of claim 26 further comprising providing application metadata for storing in the data repository, the application data comprising at least one selected from a group consisting of: data describing a particular file or component, version data, timestamp data, and indicator data indicating whether a piece of data has been checked out and by whom.

30. (New) The method of claim 26 further comprising a step of providing the at least one server configuration file with a first server configuration file adapted to configure a first server and further comprising a step of providing another of the at least one server configuration file with a second server configuration file adapted to configure a second server.

31. (New) The method of claim 26 further comprising a step of providing the at least one server configuration file with a first server configuration file adapted to configure a first server for execution on a first computer system platform and further comprising a step of providing another of the at least one server configuration file with a second server configuration file adapted to configure said first server for execution on a second computer system platform.

32. A computer storage medium storing data and instructions, said data and instructions adapting the computer system to:

provide to a server configuration versioning tool for storing in a data repository comprising multiple versions of both application and server configuration data required to run on a plurality of servers:

at least one server configuration file comprising server configuration data and application association data comprising a list of all applications installed on the server as well as versions of the server to which the applications are associated; wherein the providing step is responsive to creation or modification of a server configuration file;

receive a request to select one or more server configuration files stored within the data repository, the request comprising data associated with an application which is to be transferred to at least one server on at least one platform;

retrieve a latest version of the at least one server configuration file associated with the application to be transferred;

bundle the application and the latest version of the at least one server configuration file into a single package comprising data to configure the at least one server for running said application on the at least one platform;

transfer to the at least one server the single package; and

configure the at least one server with the server configuration data from the latest version of the server configuration file.

33. The computer storage medium of claim 32 wherein the at least one server configuration file comprises a first server configuration file adapted to configure a first server and wherein another of the at least one server configuration file comprises a second server configuration file adapted

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to configure a second server.

34. The computer storage medium of claim 32 wherein the computer system is further adapted to provide server configuration metadata for storing in the data repository, the metadata comprising a linkage between the at least one server configuration file and corresponding application data.

35. (New) The computer storage medium of claim 32 wherein the server configuration metadata is provided in the server configuration file.

36. (New) The computer storage medium of claim 32 wherein the computer system is further adapted to provide application metadata for storing in the data repository, the application data comprising at least one selected from a group consisting of: data describing a particular file or component, version data, timestamp data, and indicator data indicating whether a piece of data has been checked out and by whom.

37. (New) The computer storage medium of claim 32 wherein the computer system is further adapted to provide the at least one server configuration file with a first server configuration file adapted to configure a first server and to further provide another of the at least one server configuration file with a second server configuration file adapted to configure a second server.